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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS: DENKTASH OPPOSITION TO MAY
TALKS

REF: NICOSIA 1135

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ TOLD TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL
APRIL 27 THAT U.S. WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY DENKTASH DE-
CISION TO DELAY NEXT ROUND OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL).
NIMETZ CHARACTERIZED DENKTASH'S POSITION AS "VERY DISTRES-
SING" AND MADE CLEAR TO ESENBEL THAT U.S. CONSIDERS
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DENKTASH'S STANCE AS CONTRARY TO COMMITMENTS MADE BY
TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO UNSYG WALDHEIM IN VIENNA.

2. NIMETZ EMPHASIZED THAT WHEN NEWS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT
OPPOSITION TO MAY NICOSIA TALKS BECAME PUBLIC, IT COULD
HAVE GREAT IMPACT IN CONGRESS WHERE THERE WAS GROWING
SKEPTICISM OF TURKISH INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS. IN

OUR VIEW, IT IS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT MID-MAY DATE, WHICH HAD BEEN SET IN VIENNA FOR RESUMING CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, BE ADHERED TO BY BOTH SIDES. NIMETZ NOTED THAT WE DID NOT EXPECT BREAKTHROUGH IN NICOSIA TALKS, BUT THIS WAS NO REASON TO KEEP TALKS FROM PROCEEDING THROUGH ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT PERIOD PRIOR TURKISH ELECTIONS.

3. ESENBEL PROFESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF DENKTASH'S POSITION BUT TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND PROMISED TO CONVEY U.S. CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO ANKARA.

4. FOR ANKARA. AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONVEY FOREGOING TO MFA.

5. FOR NICOSIA AND USUN. YOU SHOULD INFORM DE CUELLAR AND UN SECRETARIAT THAT DEPT HAS MADE FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS TO GOT URGING THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED NEXT MONTH IN NICOSIA.

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